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Recent Impressions

By REV. D. B. EASTEP

At the time of this writing, I am in the office of the Bryan University. Mr. Ryther, the Dean, asked me to write a gospel article for this issue of the NEWSETTE. But since coming to the campus yesterday and seeing so many improvements, I feel more definitely led to write a few words concerning the progress of this remarkable school.

In the fall of 1937 it was my privilege to be here for a Bible Conference. Even before the above date I had visited the school and believed it to be a testimony to the Word of God. But in 1937 the school was handicapped because part of it (Girls' Dormitory) was in the city of Dayton and the rest of it on Bryan Hill about a mile outside the city.

Yesterday upon my arrival, President Rudd met me and after a few minutes in the city we came to Bryan Hill. Our eyes were opened as we saw the many accomplishments in the way of the new building.

For several months we have been interested in this expansion program. Each NEWSETTE was read with interest and when we looked at the pictures showing the progress of the building our hearts rejoiced. But not until yesterday did our eyes see the real building. Truly it was thrilling to see how much had been done, how well it had been done, and how economically it had been done. We marvel that so much could be done on the amount of money expended. The whole affair borders on the miraculous.

At the supper hour we enjoyed the splendid fellowship of the faculty and students. All eat together in the large dining hall. A rare spirit prevails and one has missed something until he experiences this. The whole atmosphere of the campus is spiritually refreshing.

I wish I had time to tell you more about the school, its progress, the

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PARDON ME!

Hosts and hostesses of the singers who toured Florida during Christmas holidays may have wondered why their gracious hospitality was not mentioned along with that of others in the last NEWSETTE. The reason: NEWSETTE had been set up to a large extent before the singers were well on the road, as is sometimes necessary if news is to be "fresh."

Long remembered with pleasure will be the visit to the Florida Bible Institute, whose president, Dr. Watson, and staff very graciously furnished entertainment for two nights in their beautiful home. We rejoice to see how the Lord is blessing the Institute.

And to Brother E. J. Daniels and Mrs. Kirton, respectively pastor of the Baptist Church and principal of the high school, at Winter Garden, many thanks for the open door to a chapel service, a real time of pleasure and testimony for the Bryanites.

Through the courtesy of Dr. P. W. Du Bose, president of the Hampden-Du Bose Academy, of Orlando, and of Miss Dorothy Hill, daughter of our own Mr. and Mrs. Hill, the group enjoyed an early morning chapel service with the sons and daughters of missionaries, the staff, and Dr. E. J. Pace, the noted Christian cartoonist.

Tire trouble and the subsequential arrival of the group at two in the morning in no way detracted from the welcome extended by Mr. and Mrs. Fenley Ryther, of Macon, Georgia, with whom the singers remained until the following afternoon. Station WMAZ of that city kindly extended an accepted opportunity for a fifteen-minute broadcast of gospel singing.

Almost at home, because of former and present ties, quite naturally the service at the Atlanta Bible Tabernacle, and the visit with Dr. and Mrs. Currens, Mrs. W. L. Hardin and family, and Miss Helen Forsdick, proved to be happy times of fellowship in the Lord.



**WILLIAM
JENNINGS
BRYAN**
Said—

I submit three propositions for the consideration of the Christians of the nation:

First, preachers who break the bread of life to lay members should believe that man has in him the breath of the Almighty, as the Bible declares—not the blood of the brute, as evolutionists affirm. He should also believe in the virgin birth of the Saviour.

Second, none but Christians in good standing and with a spiritual conception of life should be allowed to teach in Christian schools. Church schools are worse than useless if they bring students under the influence of those who do not believe in the religion upon which the Church and church schools are built. Atheism and agnosticism are more dangerous when hidden under the cloak of religion than when they are exposed to view.

Third, the taxpayers should prevent the teaching in the public schools of atheism, agnosticism, Darwinism, or any other hypothesis that links man in blood relationship with the brutes. Christians build their own colleges in which to teach Christianity; let atheists and agnostics build their own schools in which to teach their doctrines—whether they call it atheism, agnosticism, or a scientific interpretation of the Bible!

"We need to spend less time in studying the ages of the rocks and more time in studying the Rock of Ages"—Bryan

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— God Above All —

BIBLE CONFERENCE

A source of special blessings to the faculty and students and a number of Dayton visitors was the Bible Conference of the second quarter. Coming to Dayton on Jan. 16, Brother E. V. Howell, pastor of the Baptist Church of Clendenin, W. Va., delivered his first message in the University chapel on that evening. On several occasions he used a large chart designed by himself to explain the dispensational teachings of the scripture.

His messages on the blood of Christ, the Second Coming, and the Millenium, though familiar subjects, were very refreshing as he presented the Saviour who died for lost men, the Saviour who is soon coming back to catch away His own, and the Saviour who will reign on the earth for a thousand years.

Brother Howell, vice-president of the National Pre-Millennial Fellowship and the state organization in West Virginia, is a staunch believer and supporter of the fundamental truths of the Word. The associate editor of the Lamplighter, he also shares the responsibility of this publication, the official organ of the Pre-Millennial Fellowship.

As this article goes to press, we are enjoying continued blessings from the ministry of Brother D. B. Eastep, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Covington, Ky., who came to the University on Jan. 23 to speak each morning and evening of the week.

The Bible ministry of these visiting speakers, along with the faithful teaching of Dr. Currens in the regular Bible classes, provides an excellent background of training for Bryan students.

"Conquerors Through Him"

Copies of "The Conqueror," monthly publication of the Miracle Book Club, have been read with great interest by Bryan students and faculty. Those in the University last year remember very well Mrs. McClusky's visit and her inspiring and challenging messages.

Because of the need for the study of God's word among young people, this club was organized in Portland, Oregon, by Mrs. Evelyn M. McClusky to encourage neighborhood Bible study groups for high school and college young people, that they may learn what God has to say. At present there are many chapters in many lands.

The members of the Miracle Book Club may be recognized by silver-tray pins worn to remind young people that they are to present the Bread of Life to a hungry world that is seeking for satisfaction which they can find only in Christ.

In the book, "Black and White," written by Mrs. McClusky, the fact

that we were created to worship God is emphasized. For young people there is no clearer nor more personal and profound book of studies in Exodus. The reader will certainly appreciate the scope and the unforgettable wonder of the central figure—Christ, who alone is worthy of our adoration.

In a recent letter to NEWS-ETTE'S editor, Mrs. McClusky mentioned that the book is now available from the Miracle Book Club, 1423 Bissell Ave., Richmond, California. For this 325-page book, a generous 20 per cent discount from the regular price of \$2.00 for cloth binding or \$1.25 for paper binding has been offered to Bryan students whose orders bear President Rudd's signature.

Commenting on Mrs. McClusky's visit here last year, President Rudd said, "She is an excellent speaker. We hope to have Mrs. McClusky address the student body again whenever she is within driving distance of the school."

OUCH!

Long and loud were the ejaculations on the part of numerous students when the grades for the final examinations arrived home shortly after Christmas. It might even be that the grades were not directly responsible for the "Ouch!" in some cases. Grades which at the end of the half quarter were ranging in the late or early nineties were now to be seen in the middle eighties. The sedate and dignified mesdames of the middle eighties were found gamboling about among the early seventies. For why? The faculty had met and discussed the grading standards of the University, had concluded that said standards were entirely too lenient—this despite the so-called "hard-boiled" teachers—and should be raised, and had started the grand push downward. From henceforth onward, came the report, students had best mind their p's and q's, likewise cross their t's—or else.

Perhaps this bit of explanation will bring a pang of remorse and repentance to scowling parents, who, gazing quizzically through their "two-way" spectacles at timorous son or daughter, demanded "How come?"

Editor's note: This is intended to convey a serious explanation.

GROWTH IN GRACE

MUST DECREASE

John 3:30

LEAST AMONG YOU

Luke 9:48

LEAST OF APOSTLES

I Cor. 15:9

LESS THAN THE LEAST

Eph. 3:8

SERVANT

Matt. 23:12

CHIEF OF SINNERS

I Tim. 1:15

NOTHING

II Cor. 12:11

CORRECTION

In last month's Newsette, mention was made of the happiness at the construction of sufficient quarters on Bryan Hill to house the faculty and staff. In stating that all members of the staff were now living on the Hill, NEWSETTE was too inclusive: Brother A. J. Levensgood, Th. M., teacher of Greek and Missions, lives at his home in Dayton. Arrangements have been made to care for others of the staff.

Through the Eyes of Those New Staff Members

We have yet to be blessed with the Pollyannic attitude which finds all circumstances everywhere most beautiful. When we came to Bryan, after having been repeatedly told of the conditions, we were somewhat apprehensive of what the school year might bring forth—if there were a school year.

The buildings and grounds did little to allay our fears. "Confusion" was the snap verdict of our judgments.

Yet it helped to have a chicken dinner for our first meal—to be welcomed everywhere with unquestionable sincerity. But, my! those bare, three-walled rooms looked desolate, and things seemed fearfully muddled.

First classes met—friendly stares—groans at the assignment—remembrances of the days when we did the groaning.

Hikes—the Bible Conference—late students—tests, more groans.

Each day approached, passed, and dissolved into history with rare speed. Then came Christmas recess with its

mass osculations and meals at home.

We're back now, regular seasoned veterans, and somehow the past year takes on new meanings. At first we think it strange that, though the school has had barely enough to squeeze through the tight places, work has gone cheerfully forward, and tremendous gains are apparent. How was it done?

Then it dawns—it hasn't mattered that WE were pessimistic and discouraged oftentimes—that there have been mighty disconcerting contingencies—that the school was in no shape, practically speaking, to open in September—it hasn't mattered, for God is in this picture! He has had His way, and our fretting made not the slightest difference. He has loved us enough to work slowly and carefully in building His testimony and our faith.

Thus, in calm certainty, we settle back down to work. At least we won't worry any more. Besides, Bryan is our new home.

THE LYNIPS.

SOPHOMORES PRESENT

"DIFFERENT" PROGRAM

Outstanding among student chapel programs given this quarter was that given by the Sophomores, based on resolutions for the new year. The half hour was packed with good advice, serious and otherwise, for students and faculty members. Daniel Hirschy, as master of ceremonies, gave alphabetical names, from A to Z, for believers. Not a Sophomore, but the wife of one, Mrs. Wayne Smith played a xylophone solo, "All Hail, Immanuel." For those in school who needed them most, Warren Oliff read New Year's resolutions. Adding a most enjoyable feature to the program, Mrs. Arthur Lynip played Brahms' "Intermezzo."

Rumor hath it that it's going to rain in the kitchen one of these nights—rain forks and knives at that. Yes, sir, prospects of a kitchen shower look mighty good.

To the recent long-forthcoming Vacuum Cleaner: "Hail to thee, blithe spirit. Almost thou never wert." How about another copy next year?

Visiting Speakers Address Students

Rev. Homer Stanley Morgan

Traveling with two companions, Rev. Homer Stanley Morgan, Director of the Christian Mission to Churchless Communities, spent a few days at the University. While serving as pastor in New York City several years ago, Brother Morgan accepted the Lord's call to missionary service in churchless communities, first working in the Catskill Mountains of New York. Pursuing this service, he has journeyed with his Gospel trailer into many states, preaching salvation through the blood of Christ.

In his message addressed to the student assembly, Brother Morgan told of the wonderful ways in which the Lord has directed to fields of missionary activity in churchless communities. At the street service on Saturday afternoon, he again gave a Gospel message.

Accompanying this traveling evangelist were two young men who have just completed their Bible school training and expect to go to the mission field very soon. Mr. John Marsh, of Columbia Bible College, spoke of his call to Alaska through the missionary appeal of Miss Martha Pohnert. The son of missionaries in Africa, Mr. Philip Dav's told about the people of that land and their need and hunger for the Word of God, when he spoke in the Missions class and again to a student and faculty group on Sunday evening.

Rev. H. A. Bente

Returning to New York City, Rev. H. A. Bente, vice-president of Fundamental Churches of America and pastor of the Grace Gospel Church of Bronx and Eldred Congregational Church at Eldred, N. Y., visited at the University and spoke in the chapel service. Through his affiliation with the Bureau of Prevention of Crime, Rev. Bente is especially interested in juvenile delinquents. He presented a challenge to his listeners to think of those who are wandering into sin and need to know about the One who can change their sinful lives into ones of usefulness.



On the Campus

Celebrating the completion of their new quarters on Bryan Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lynip entertained the Bryan faculty and students at an informal tea, one recent afternoon.

Coming from Philadelphia, where she had been attending Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Eileen Garwood has returned to Bryan to renew her work here.

Derward Maynard, also a student last year, returned to school to begin work in the second quarter.

One new student, Ermine Estep, of Bellwood, Penna., enlisted in the beginning of the second quarter.

Ty Pray's Sunday School class at Censville entertained with a party last month.

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building program, etc. But I do not have. But in closing I must give you my honest impressions of this my latest visit to William Jennings Bryan University:

1. The student body is much larger than in 1937.

2. The material improvements are far greater than in 1937.

3. The whole school is now housed on its 80-acre campus, which is a decided advantage over former years, saving time, effort, and expense.

4. The student body is in a better spiritual condition than that of any school of my knowledge.

5. Bryan University is a practical example of strict economy. It can do more for less money than any other institution in the land. After seeing such savings in management, and seeing how far they can stretch a dollar, I am wondering if some money is not made of rubber. A visit to the school is equal to a course in Economics.

6. The school has a forward look with a future as bright as the promises of God.

7. Christians who invest prayer and money in this school will be gainers at the judgment seat of Christ.

Bryan Hill,
Jan. 24, 1939.

Editor's Note.—These are Brother Eastep's statements—not ours. But we do wish that every reader of **NEWSETTE** could visit our campus personally, to see with his own eyes the great progress that God has made possible in the past year.

NO MORE BLUE MONDAYS

When Clarence Blackburn and Manford Cain said they intended to bring the need of a new washer in the dormitory before the home church, they apparently meant business. So when they arrived home at Christmas, they started to work and, thanks to their plans and the goodness of our faithful friends in the Calvary Baptist Church of Covington, Ky.—no more blue Mondays or "tattle-tale gray."

Yes, thanks to the boys and to the Calvary Baptist. And thanks also to the manufacturers, who gave us a generous discount.

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WHAT WE BELIEVE

Ninth Article in a Series

By Charles H. Currens

Professor of Bible

"We believe in the bodily resurrection of all persons, judgment to come, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost."

These are all matters which are made known by Divine revelation only. The natural mind can speculate upon them, but can certify nothing. They are some of the secret things which belong to God and by Him are made known unto those who believe His word. They are of vital consequence to every mortal man.

I. "WE BELIEVE IN THE BODILY RESURRECTION OF ALL PERSONS" BECAUSE THIS IS THE TEACHING OF THE SACRED SCRIPTURES.

1. The Old Testament witnesses to the resurrection.

(1) Abraham was willing to sacrifice Isaac, believing he would be raised from the dead, Gen. 22:10-12; Heb. 11:19.

(2) Job knew that although his body would be utterly destroyed, yet in his flesh he would see God, Job 19:25-27.

(3) Joseph was assured of the resurrection, Gen. 50:24-26.

(4) It was the testimony of Moses, Ex. 3:2-6; Luke 20:37, 38.

(5) Daniel's inspired words declare it, Dan. 12:2, 3, 12, 13.

(6) Hosea is also a witness to the revealed truth, Hos. 13:14.

2. The New Testament witnesses to the resurrection.

(1) The Pharisees, Ac. 23:6-8.

(2) Paul, Ac. 24:14, 15, 21; I Cor. 15:52.

(3) Jesus, Lu. 14:14; 20:37, 38; John 5:25, 28, 29. See Isa. 26:19.

(4) Peter, I Peter 1:3-5.

(5) Those who saw Jesus after His resurrection, Mt. 28:1-10, 16-18; Mk. 16:9; Lu. 24:30-35. Read carefully Lu. 24:36-48; John 21:1-14; I Cor. 15:5-8.

3. The Scriptures teach that all men will be raised from the dead.

(1) There will be a resurrection of the just, Lu. 14:14; Ac. 24:15; Dan. 12:2; Rev. 20:4, 6.

(2) This will occur at the coming of Christ for His saints, I Thess. 4:13-16; I Cor. 15:23.

(3) There will be a resurrection of the unjust, Ac. 24:15; Dan. 12:2.

(4) This will occur one thousand years after the first resurrection, at the end of Christ's glorious reign over the earth, Rev. 20:5; John 5:29.

II. "WE BELIEVE IN JUDGMENT TO COME."

1. This refers to the judgment of the unsaved dead who will be brought before the Great White Throne, Rev. 20:12, 13; Mt. 16:27; Rom. 2:6.

2. No born-again one will be brought into judgment, John 5:24, R. V.

3. Jesus bore our judgment, Gal. 3:13; Heb. 9:26.

III. "WE BELIEVE IN THE EVERLASTING BLESSEDNESS OF THE SAVED."

1. All saved ones have everlasting life, John 3:36; 6:40, 47; I John 5:11-13.

2. They will dwell with Christ, John 14:1-3; Rev. 3:21; 22:5; and be like Him, I John 3:2; Phil. 3:20, 21.

3. Their sorrows will be forever gone, Rev. 7:16, 17; 21:4.

4. They will inherit all things, Rev. 21:7.

IV. "WE BELIEVE IN THE EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT OF THE LOST."

1. They will be cast into the lake of fire, Rev. 20:11-15.

2. Their punishment will be everlasting, II Thess. 1:6-10; Mt. 25:46.

To deny any of these revelations of the Divine Word is a reflection upon Him who revealed them. To understand their meaning is beyond the capacity of any man or angel. To believe them gives restful cheer to the children of God. Every lost one who bows under their appeal and warning will surely be brought to know God through Christ.

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